

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1 line 5 as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. ~~40/629,386~~ 10/629,368 filed on Jul. 29, 2003, which in turn claims the benefit of the filing dates of application Ser. Nos. 60/459,803 filed on Apr. 29, 2003, and ~~60/462,902~~ 60/426,902 filed on Nov. 15, 2002, and 60/399,177 filed on Jul. 29, 2002, and 60/399,176 filed on Jul. 29, 2002. The specifications of each of these applications are incorporated in their entirety herein by reference.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11 line 21 as follows:

FIG. 17 is a plot of the percent change in heart rate (HR) and blood pressure (BP) for various doses of ~~CVCVT~~ CVCVT-3146; and